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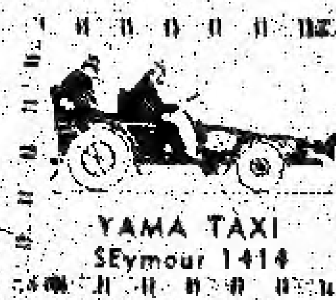

Many Canadians Wish To Remove Unjust Legislation States Lawyer

Speaking with pointed force and directness, T. G. Norris, K.C., honorary member of the Vancouver J.C.C.L., addressed the deferred final meeting of the chapter last Saturday at the Nippon Club on the subject of the responsibility of Japanese Canadians as Citizens of Canada.

Civil Liberties

The prominent barrister stated that emergency war conditions have necessitated the restriction of civil liberties in Canada. Although these regulations must be complied with, the Nisei should always be on guard not to let a dictatorial hand abolish those rights, in particular freedom of thought, speech and press, which are part and parcel of our democratic tradition.

He deemed it inadviseable for the Nisei to press the question of citizenship rights at the present time, but to be patient and to prove in indirect ways, such as the Red Cross concert held last January, that a policy of discrimination is not only unjust but patently stupid.

Calling upon the Nisei to be loyal to themselves and to their principles, Mr. Norris concluded his speech with a word of encouragement that there were many Canadians who take a sympathetic and understanding attitude towards the second generation problem and who are only too anxious to see the Japanese Canadian, admitted into full citizenship, and thus remove a blot upon British Columbia's statutory law.

Elections

In the elections preceding Mr. Norris' address, the slate of officers was elected by acclamation. Heading the executive for the year will be Dr. George Ishiwara, supported by Harry Kondo, vice-president; Kunio Shimizu, treasurer; Roy Yamamura, corresponding secretary; Yae Suzuki, recording secretary; and Kay Sasaki and Tomi Iwasaki, social convenors.

On The Newsfront

Japanese Canadian citizens of Delta Municipality have forwarded $34 to the Government for war purposes, following the lead of many other Japanese groups.

In a letter acknowledging the donation, Defence Minister Rogers stated: "May I assure you that I deeply appreciate the spirit of loyalty and co-operation which has been expressed in such a tangible manner."

Nisei Orator Triumphs at Kitsilano

Competing against six Canadain students in the School Public Speaking Contest at Kitsilano High, Minoru Yatabe, New Canadian school editor, captured first place with his speech, "A Way to Success in Life," Feb. 21.

Canadian Japanese Association Plans Expansion

VANCOUVER.—At a meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors of the Canadian Japanese Association, plans were heard to organize divisions within the Association to carry on more active and constructive work for the welfare of the community.

City M.P. Urges Abrogation of Agreement

Following the lead set by Dr. Manion here two weeks ago, Howard Green, Conservative M.P. campaigning for re-election in Vancouver South, also urged complete exclusion of Japanese immigrants through abrogation of the Gentlemen's Agreement.

Alberta Nisei Plan War Contribution

RAYMOND, Alta.—The Raymond Young Men's Buddhist Association will present a play in March to raise funds to be donated to the government for use in connection with the national war effort.

Sai Shoki to Appear in Seattle

Sai Shoki, Japan's greatest dancer, will appear at the Moore Theatre in Seattle, Sunday March 10, in one of her colorful programs that have made her world-famous.

She is returning to her native Korea from a European tour, giving performances in New York and Chicago, where she won great successes. Critics are lavish in their praise of the dances which Sai Shoki has brought to the American stage for the first time.

JACL Plans Record-Breaking Convention

PORTLAND.—With the Portland chapter acting as host to an expected 1600 delegates from Pacific Coast and mountain states, the Japanese American Citizens League is rapidly completing plans for the Sixth Biennial National Convention, to be held in Portland, August 29-September 2.

Large delegations from Southern California, Idaho, Colorado and Utah have already registered, and possibility of Canadian visitors from the JCCL has been raised.

True Love Knows No Barriers

SAN FRANCISCO.—Leap year came to life here with the elopement of a Nisei girl with a 19-year-old Nisei lad. The girl is 25 years of age, and the parents are seeking the return of their wandering son, offering a reward for information.

O-hina-san

Photo by Jo. Seko

Once a year, the third of March, according to Japanese custom, the girls of the family come into their own, for on that day is celebrated the "O-hina Matsuri" or Doll Festival. (See page 5.)

Next Saturday the custom will be observed in a unique manner at the University of B. C.'s Open House. Nisei co-eds of the University, including Kimi Takimoto above, will present this display at a tea sponsored by the Japanese Students' Club and the Cosmopolitan Club. The dolls displayed on this occasion will be family heirlooms of generations past loaned by Mrs. M. Okawara. (Dolls photographed above by courtesy of T. Morikawa Co.)

Students Prefer Docile Wives

Migration Offered To Solve Job Problem

Interesting and suggestive conclusions on many topics concerning the welfare of the average Nisei were reached at the Second Annual Northwest Intercollegiate Advance last Saturday at the University of Washington when 150 students from twelve colleges gathered for a one-day conference. University of British Columbia was well represented by twenty-six delegates, the largest group ever to attend a student meet of this nature.

Major points brought out in the discussions included:

I. Vocational Opportunities.—Migration to smaller communities and the organization of political pressure groups would assist the Nisei in vocational adjustment. There is a necessity too for youth guidance and for youth to analyze himself.

II. Adjustment to Social Environment.—The average Japanese community tends to have too many organizations, but these organizations do not centralize their work effectively. American institutions exert greater influence over the Nisei than any other. In regard to courtship the male expression was that they preferred to marry the docile type of girl rather than the socially popular, and that most girls were ignorant of the art of conversation.

III. Undergraduate Problems.—basic function of study is not only to train the intellect, but also to teach one how to associate with people. Education too, is not complete without extra-curricular activities and the Nisei ought to mingle as freely as possible. In the latter respect it was found that the Canadian were much more advanced than the Americans.

Debate Feature

A feature of the conference was the afternoon debate between the U. of W. and Willamette University of Oregon. Toru Sakahara and George Numata won for Washington, upholding the affirmative of the question that the vocational future for Nisei students is brighter in Japan than America.

Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Encouragement . . . It's a very comforting and inspiring feeling to hear an address such as Mr. T. G. Norris delivered the other night and to meet a man like Mr. Norris. Even if a large percentage of the Nisei themselves are too blind or too preoccupied with the pursuit of their petty pleasures to take an interest in the general welfare, there are Canadians, like Mr. Norris, who take a genuine and sincere interest in our happiness, even though it doesn't make an iota of difference to them if we sink or swim. But I doubt if such a thought would ever occur to any number of addle-pated young people, and older, I could name.

Stupidity . . . If this is true, and I have it from a very reliable source, I think it takes the honours for a supreme example of Issei stupidity and narrow-mindedness.

With her father's financial backing, a young Nisei girl in this city has started a small business in an attempt to earn a decent independent livelihood. Business is good and everything looks quite rosy.

But now some prying busy bodies of the first generation, filled with a "holier-than-thou" attitude are complaining to her parents that operating the business "cheapens" their daughter, and have laid it on so thickly that she may have to quit. Such rank hypocritical nonsense is hard to swallow, especially because there's so much of it bandied about.

Irony . . . I know a Nisei in the employ of the Japanese Government, receiving a salary that comes originally from the taxpayers of Japan, who finds it rather ironical to find his name upon the voters' list, while his brother who makes his living from this country and pays provincial and municipal poll taxes goes without a vote. The only difference, he points out, is that he lives in Ottawa, his brother in Vancouver.

I dislike . . . being told by self-important officials at Terminal Dock at 11:30 a.m. that I can't go aboard a departing liner to bid good-bye to a friend whom I may never see again this side of the pearly gates. Even if the boat does sail at 12:00 noon, I'm sure it doesn't take over half an hour to say good-bye—not even in Japanese.

Officials Probe News-Herald Charge

Roused to action by allegations of the Vancouver News-Herald that Japanese sources were responsible for the circulation of indecent literature in city schools, officials of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League and Canadian Japanese Association have been actively investigating the situation in co-operation with the Police Morality Squad.

Edward T. Ouchi, JCCL National Secretary stated this week that although such literature has been discovered in several schools, no evidence of a Japanese-organized racket has been uncovered.

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Duty of the Press

The press in any country is an all-powerful institution in the moulding of public opinion, containing within it the greatest potentialities for good or evil. In a democratic country freedom rightly is accorded the press as a fundamental democratic right.

But it is a right that ought to be guarded with the utmost care by a scrupulous regard for the responsibilities it carries with it.

It is more than regrettable, then, to see one of Vancouver's youngest and most virile papers, the News-Herald deny this responsibility in publishing a story such as it did last week in regard to the circulation of indecent literature in the city schools.

There is no doubt that such literature has always and will always be available. But if it assumes the proportions of a commercial racket then no steps can be too drastic to stamp out such a despicable practice.

If the News-Herald received information that pointed to the existence of this racket and that would assist in the detection of the persons responsible, surely its proper course was first to have conveyed that information to the officials whose duty it is to safeguard public morals?

And if, as they suggest editorially, the parents of school children should know of this racket, surely there was no need to make allegations or insinuations that Japanese were responsible, and thus on account of the contemptible acts of a few individuals prejudice public opinion still further against a racial group already under fire from too many irresponsible attacks?

In making these allegations the News-Herald has failed miserably in its capacity of a responsible public organ.

Youth Congress

The Provincial Committee will be issuing shortly a call inviting organizations throughout the province to take part in the Second Annual Provincial Youth Congress which is to take place this coming Easter week-end in Vancouver.

Last year, many Niseis had their first taste of attending a conference with fellow Canadians. It was too much to expect for them to enter boldly and freely into the discussions. But this time, they are in a position to prepare and participate much more intelligently and constructively.

Out of the welter of discussions, recommendations and resolutions, they must be able to separate the grain from the chaff and after the Congress sessions are over to give an adequate and comprehensive report of the Congress' findings to their organizations.

Let us have the Nisei attend this conference with an unbiased and co-operative spirit. For perhaps more than all the resolutions and bills that may be passed at the sessions, the spirit of fellowship, friendly contact with Canadian young people and the free exchange of opinions and ideas form the more enduring and helpful aspects of the Congress.

I LIKE THE NISEI, BUT . . .

By HAKUJIN

(Continued from last week)

That old adage about familiarity breeding contempt is, like a good many saws, only a very untrustworthy half-truth. I am inclined to believe that it would be more truthful to say unfamiliarity is the real breeder of contempt and of other varieties of unfriendly feeling. Whence comes the main adverse criticism I want to make about the Nisei. It is so hard to know them, especially during the important and fruitful period of our mutual late teens and early twenties.

Our Associations Cease

Through grammar school and junior high and possibly a part of high school the Nisei are in most respects part of the general student group. We know each other and associate with each other on casually equal terms, with little of embarrassment or of reticence. But with the later high school years and the subsequent period, whether spent in college or in the world outside the walls of learning, there ceases to be in most instances any of the former camaraderies between Nisei and Caucasian young people.

There are exceptions, of course, and variations as to the times at which this severance of familiarity takes place. As a general rule, I have noticed a progressive increase in the distinctness of this phenomenon as one moves west-ward, and also as one moves from the country to the city. But taking everything together, one cannot escape the fact that cessation of Nisei-Caucasian intimacy during the period mentioned is the rule rather than the exception.

Pessimistic Attitude

Most of my Nisei friends, when questioned about this matter, have a tendency to accept it as a "fait accompli," the responsibility for which lies with American society and its customs—something inevitable, however deplorable. Admittedly, there is some basis for their viewpoint, since social snobbery and racial discrimination are undeniably present in a heterogeneous and white-dominant society such as ours.

But at the same time the fatalistic psychology of the Nisei themselves, in my opinion, is a factor which unnecessarily compounds the evil, adding the final impetus which makes the breach too wide for bridging again.

Fear or Pride Responsible

Possibly it is some secret pride or some fear of being thought "pushing" that keeps the Nisei from trying to keep their early acquaintance with their Caucasian friends. If it is pride it is a foolish one and if it is fear it bespeaks an insufficient confidence on the part of the Nisei as to their own capacity for friendship.

However, the Nisei must not expect a friendship with Americans that touches at all points with the kind of friendship between members of the same racial group. But friendship can be friendship for all that. And every wished-for consummation must have some kind of beginning. In time, it is possible that racial differentiation will count for less than it does now. At present it is an undeniable and inescapable fact, not to be got rid of by wishful thinking. But inability to make and preserve a wholly satisfactory social relationship with members of another racial group despite all this merely argues lack of effort or lack of flexibility and largeness of spirit in the realm of human relations.

Nisei Should Meet Us Half-way

And so, I advise Nisei to meet us half-way, and if by your particular measurements it seems more like three-fourths of the way, don't on that account, cast the project overboard to preserve an imaginary pride, without at least weighing seriously the possible rewards of an enlarged social horizon, under whatever conditions. Stop herding yourselves around constantly on the campus and in the streets, in little huddles of your kind. Say hello to us, and throw a smile our way or stop to pass the time of the day with us, and I am sure you will receive answer in kind.

Yes, I like the Nisei but I would like them better if they would let me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NINCOMPOOP

Editor, The New Canadian—
Dear Sir: Your courage in striking out at Alderman Wilson as you did in a recent issue of The New Canadian delighted me.

His persistent and vindictive attacks on the Japanese people disgusts me. Such an attitude sits ill on a son of the Church which preaches brotherly love. If he believes that Asia is the cradle of our race, then who does the big nincompoop think he is?

One thing I know, when I came from England 21 years ago and needed a friend, I found friends. Not of my own race, but in some sons of Japan who saw my trouble and extended to me the same loyalty and friendship I would have received from my own brother. Time will be old indeed when I forget that.

Just keep bravely to the course you have set. Right only is might and must prevail in the end.

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CONGRATS J.S.C.

Editor, The New Canadian—
Dear Sir: Through the medium of your paper may I take this opportunity to congratulate the Japanese Students' Club for the wonderful High School Oratorical contest held recently.

I enjoyed the speeches very much and the judges' decision was certainly good. Again I congratulate the J. S. C. and hope to witness more of the same in the future.

Bill H. Sasaki.
New Westminster.

NISEI POETESS

Editor, The New Canadian—
Dear Sir: I have a very dear Japanese friend who brings me her copies of your paper. For some time I have been reading your editorial comments. Keep it up!

Sometime last month Mrs. Wilson complimented Miyo Ishiwata's poems. I have always wanted to so do to pay for my share of pleasure, only I put it off from time to time. Beyond a doubt she is very gifted; only I often wonder [illegible] the Japanese readers [illegible] are them, like I do. [illegible] hope that in time she [illegible] ranks of the great [illegible] country. I wish you would [illegible] "Transformation." It was [illegible]tifully written, that it [illegible] intensely. She must have [illegible]enced some tragedy. I would [illegible] to see it in your paper as [illegible]

Mrs. H. M[illegible]
3103 Pandora, City.

DISINHERITED OF THE EARTH

EDITOR'S NOTE: [illegible] Japan are too often [illegible] tive accounts of the [illegible] pects of her material [illegible]. Rarely is it indeed that [illegible] can probe beneath the surface [illegible] cover the hidden trends of [illegible]ization, grasp the basic motives [illegible] her national policy. Here [illegible] sketch of the personal reactions [illegible] a Canadian Nisei to the [illegible] stirring situation he discovered [illegible] the Far East.

A Nisei coming to Japan or to the more youthful part of Japan, Manchoukuo, cannot but feel a certain reaction taking place in his whole psychological make-up.

You have heard so much of Japan—so much in the main that is derogatory that you are surprised to find that so many of your conceptions are quite incorrect. And so when I landed in Yokohama, the Japan that rolled before my eyes was totally different from what I had expected.

Japan is essentially a "have-not" country. She is getting by with the war draining her very life-blood—thanks to the spirit of the people—that intangible something that seems to hold them together. But no matter how strong the spirit—in the last analysis it is the material that counts. Industry . . . prices . . . shortage . . . non-shortage . . . the planned economy of a nation receives much comment in countries that plod along according to the dictates of a laissez-faire policy.

This question of Japan, the issue is so complex and so involved that it cannot be summed up in a few words. Japan's conflict on the continent has been and will continue to be an inevitable affair born out of the process of history and the elements of human nature.

Read any history of imperialist expansion. Read any history of America expanding westward. Read the honeyed stories of Bret Harte or the more realistic accounts of the crimes, the lust, the sordidness, the passion, and the greed for power and wealth.

Read Japan's expansion westward and it is a Sunday School lesson in comparison. Of course it is an expansion, but not in the sense which is associated with the greedy imperialism of the western democracies. It is an expansion real and terrible in so far as it is the will of a people to live and the racial characteristics of the Japanese must be great to be the motive power of this expansion [illegible] it has been a magnificent gesture [illegible] conquer the fate that would have crushed her as a nation. to [illegible] out boldly yet terribly [illegible] her existence.

I am reminded of [illegible] description of the Japanese [illegible] capacity to suffer and [illegible] yet to go on doing what [illegible] is their duty and to go [illegible] with the very combination [illegible] devotion and poetry which [illegible] being.

And yet at times I [illegible] we in our generation [illegible] things that we should [illegible] not—we might feel that [illegible] disinherited of the earth.

Church Debate Upholds Nisei Vote

"Worthy Citizens" Declare Crosby Team

Contending that Canadian-born Japanese are worthy citizens of Canada and deserve the rights of franchise in a democratic country, Crosby United Church debate team successfully upheld the affirmative of the resolution, "Resolved that Canadian-born Japanese in B. C. be granted the franchise," against St. Andrew's-Wesley in the semi-final round of the Young People's Union annual debate tournament, Sunday night at Crosby Church.

Speaking first for the affirmative, Miss Meryl Campbell pointed to the fact that B. C. is the only province in Canada that denies the right to vote to natural-born British subjects. This situation, she contended, had grown out of historical situation that no longer exists.

"The Canadian-born Japanese of today," she said, "is quite a different person from the immigrant Japanese of 45 years ago. Born in Canada, educated in our Canadian schools, he is taught side by side with his fellow white Canadian students the principles of democratic government. He is taught that taxation without representation is a form of oppression. He is taught that every citizen has a voice in the government of Canada. In other words he is as prepared for citizenship as are his fellow white Canadian students.

"We have created within our province an underprivileged minority," she declared, "and by refusing to grant them the franchise we are placing the Canadian-born Japanese in a position comparable to the Jews in Germany. Canada is a country of freedom . . . let her then strike from her records any legislation which is undemocratic."

Negative Case

Replying for the negative, Miss Kathleen Norwood contended that "a true picture of Japanese life in Canada made it plain that the policy of excluding the Japanese from the franchise is the only truly effective policy."

First she pointed out that the education of Japanese children imposed a severe drain upon the entire white population of the province, since their parents do not pay a proportionate share of school costs in direct taxation. Japanese language schools, too, were criticized, the speaker quoting from Alderman Wilson's brief that these schools were menaces to Canadian national life.

Miss Norwood stressed the non-assimilability of the Japanese, the roots of which lie in biological differences, which could not be eradicated by the extension of the franchise. This, in fact, she felt would permit an unassimilable race to gain further control of the economic and political life of the province, and that once the Canadian-born Japanese obtained the franchise they would seek legislative positions. "The Japanese government would have an active voice in Canada and so help shape the policies of Canada," she said.

Nisei Worthy of Vote

Speaking for the affirmative, Jack Fairburn contended that the Japanese Canadians are worthy of the vote by virtue of education, cultural achievements and social standing. Pointing to several instances he declared that "surely these facts show that the Canadian-born Japanese are truly Canadian in mind and in practice, and also without a doubt they are as worthy of the vote as any other group of people in B. C."

"We should show our fellow citizens of the Japanese race that we can be relied upon to protect their interests, that there is no need to look beyond Canada for the help, the support, the sympathy which a native land affords," he concluded.

Dual Citizenship

Eric White, last negative speaker, raised the issue of dual citizenship and asked, "Should we grant full rights of citizenship to a race of people in our midst who cannot make a 100 per cent declaration of allegiance to Canada?"

Mr. White also charged that the Japanese had a bad influence upon British Columbia industries, and that the lack of co-operation had raised barriers against the possible solution of their franchise demands.

In awarding the decision to the affirmative team, James Polley said that in the judges' opinion both teams had wandered considerably from the theme of the debate.

To ——

From the garden bed
I picked one violet blue;
its virgin fragrance
made me forget
the shrieking wind,
the bitter rain
and the harsh frost
which chilled me
once—not so very long ago.

This one frail flower
perfumed my myriad thoughts!

Now only mellow-scented memories
linger in my mind
to stir me deep.

—*Miyo Ishihata.*

Govt. Acknowledges Nisei Sympathy

Acknowledging the telegram of condolence sent by the National JCCL upon the death of the late Lord Tweedsmuir, a letter has been received by Harry Naganobu, national president, from the Secretary of State.

"I have been instructed," reads the letter, "by the Prime Minister of Canada to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of Feb. 13 conveying the sympathy of the Canadian-born Japanese young people and yourself to Lady Tweedsmuir and her family in their bereavement.

"The kind terms of your message have been communicated to Lady Tweedsmuir and her family by whom they have been gratefully appreciated."

Noted American Nisei Preacher Addresses YPCC

Challenging his Nisei audience to answer the accusations of the critics claiming that the Church is impotent and that Christian men and women are hypocrites, Dr. Tadao Aiura pointed out the necessity of a deeply rooted conviction of Christian faith among young people at a mass meeting sponsored by the B.C. Y.P.C.C. last Sunday evening at the Powell United Church.

This conviction is lacking in church-goers, Dr. Aiura declared, because they do not read the Bible enough, they do not have a constant communion with God and they do not practice their faith in service.

INSPIRATION

Deftly weaving in allusions and humorous anecdotes, he affirmed that very few people, especially among Nisei, read their Bible these days resulting in an appalling ignorance of this monumental and inspirational document. [illegible] the more people lack that [illegible] force in life [illegible] with faith.

Quoting from Stanley Jones, "Christianity will work only to the degree you work it," Dr. Aiura said that service was the third in the ways of obtaining conviction and purpose in one's life.

Dr. Aiura and Rev. [illegible] [illegible] Sunday morning for the States after the completion of a highly successful tour covering Vancouver and vicinity.

Busseis To Aid Canada's War Effort

Leaders Plan Year's Activities

As one of its major undertakings for the coming year, the League of Young Buddhist Associations of Canada will launch a drive in the near future to raise a contribution to the National Defence of Canada. Each and every member of the fourteen Associations of the League will be asked to donate 25c and upwards, it was decided as the 14th year of the League's existence was ushered in at the annual meeting at the Fairview Buddhist Temple, Sunday afternoon.

Optimistic views were expressed in many quarters that the young Buddhists will rally to the worthy cause in an eloquent gesture of loyalty to the land of their birth and that the goal of $150 will soon be reached.

Acting on the resolution passed at the Young People's Convention last fall that an English version of Buddhist teachings be provided to facilitate a fuller and deeper knowledge of Buddha's time-honoured precepts among the young people, the League will recommend to Sunday School Teachers to acquire English texts.

Plans to publish a magazine, to hold an essay contest in Japanese and to improve the annual oratorical contest were also discussed.

The executive for the coming year will be composed of:

Kiichi Yamamoto, president; Toshio Mori and Takeo Kitamura, vice-presidents; Kanichi Mori, general secretary; Kaoru Atagi, treasurer; Kaoru Miyagawa and Yaeko Tomoda, auditors.

PRESIDENT HONOURED

Mr. Yamamoto who has a brilliant record as former president of the Fairview Y.M.B.A. to his credit received, in addition, the appointment of honorary member to the League's Board of Directors.

Maple Ridge JCCL Discuss Marriage With Rev. Aiura

"Seeing the Unseen" was the topic of Rev. Tadao Aiura's impressive address before a capacity audience of attentive JCCL members and friends at the Hammond Japanese Hall, Sunday, Feb. 25.

Rev. Aiura pointed out that material success, though a necessity, was of no avail without so-called spiritual success. "The spiritual or unseen," he declared, "is eternal and it not only brings out individual personality but is a medium through which the all important 'Hope' is created."

At the conclusion of his address a lively half hour of discussion concerning various phases of the Nisei problem ensued. It would seem that the marriage problem is the most important in the minds of the Nisei and their Issei parents at the present time. "Don't be too particular, or you'll end up an Old Maid!" was Rev. Aiura's warning to the fairer sex.

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TOWN TOPICS ...

When the Hikawa Maru weighed anchor at noon last Saturday, February 24, a happy group of university girl graduates who will tour Japan as guests of the "Shufu no Tomo," were on board. The party was composed of Miss Yuriko Shiogi of Portland, and Misses Chiye Horiuchi, Stella Yorozu, Esther Uchimura, and May Shimizu of Seattle. Miss Shimizu is the sister of Mrs. M. Miyazaki of this city.

Also sailing for the Orient was Rev. Z. Higashi, retired pastor of the Japanese Fairview Church.

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Skate with the Asahis at the Roller Bowl Sunday night, 7:30-10:30 p.m. 50c.

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Come Again

Visitors to the city have come and gone. Miss Berna Watanabe returned to her home in Victoria last Sunday, February 25, after a three-week holiday in the city. Miss Watanabe was a visitor at the home of Mr. K. Goto on Cordova St.

Miss Margaret and Mr. Don Inouye of Hillcrest, Duncan, were the guests of Miss Chitose Uchida during a brief visit to the city. They returned home last Wednesday, February 28.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hirokado, of Princess Avenue, on Thursday, February 22, a son. Mrs. Hirokado is the former Umeko Mihara.

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Coming and Going

Eichi Goto, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Goto, returned home on board the Hikawa Maru last Sunday morning, February 25. He left to study in Japan last June.

Edward Ide, popular basketball referee who had just returned from his studies in Japan last December, left for the Premier Gold Mines last Monday, February 26, via the C. N. Steamship.

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Church Groups

The regular Junior Church service will be held at the Powell United Church this Sunday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. K. Shimizu will speak on "The Wisdom of Faith."

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When the Northwest Young Buddhist League holds its Ninth Annual Convention at Wapato on March 9-10, Misses Misao Hatanaka and Kazuko Kagnica will represent the Vancouver YWBA. The YMBA delegates will be Messrs. Kiyoshi Siga and Shoto Kondo.

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The last three Lenten discussion groups of the Seikokai AYPA will meet at the Church of Ascension on March 7, 14, and 21 at 8 p.m.

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Engagement Party

A happy New Westminster couple were the centre of attraction at a party held at the Marumian last Saturday, February 24, when Mrs. T. Okihiro announced the engagement of her daughter, Kimiko, to Mr. Isao Oda. The wedding will take place at the New Westminster Buddhist Temple on Saturday, March 9.

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CALENDAR

MARCH

3—Asahi Baseball Club Party, Roller Bowl, 7:30-10:30 p.m.
[illegible]—[illegible] Kai Anniversary Party, Fuji Chop Suey, 5:30 p.m.
10—Last Vancouver Symphony Concert of the Season, Orpheum Theatre, 3 p.m.
11-12—Badminton Tourney, Mixed Doubles.
[illegible]—Japanese Canadian Red Cross Unit, Open General Meeting, Nippon Club, 8 p.m.
[illegible]—Japanese [illegible] Serial, Hastings Auditorium, 25c.
16—Hiroshima YPS Play, "Conscription," Japanese Hall.
21—JCCL Spring Frolic.
21—Chichibukai Roller Party, Happyland.
22-25—2nd Annual B. C. Provincial Youth Congress, Normal School.

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ACCESSORIES

What should be worn with the jacket? The answer could very well be—anything you like. But, if you wish to be smart and correct you choose firstly, full cut slacks of gabardine or flannel, sleeveless pullovers in soft tones; shirts of plain, check and chevron weaves, and then wide-brimmed hats with the welted edges, of teal blue or green shades.

Shoes too, should be chosen with care. They should match the outdoorish and masculine air of the tweeds by being heavy in appearance. The mocassin style will be preferred.

Before concluding let me remind you that you must be prepared to accept extreme and even gaudy fashions. For instance, the hat bands, called pugrees in this case, are offered in every shape and form. Also ankle sox are of vivid hues and loud patterns.

Now go out and get yourself a sports attire and you'll have the girls running a poor second come Easter.

Around The Bridge Table

THE AUCTION OR BIDDING

After the deal is completed, each player in rotation commencing with the dealer, must bid or pass until the first bid is made. If all four players pass in the first round of the auction that deal is abandoned and the deal passes in rotation. Otherwise, following the first bid, each player in rotation must bid or pass until three players pass successively at which time the auction closes.

THE PLAY

When the auction is closed, the defender on declarer's (person who bids the contract) left makes the opening lead. Declarer's partner then spreads his cards face up in front of him on the table and declarer plays both his own hand and that of his partner.

After a lead, a card is played from each hand in rotation and the four cards thus played constitute a completed trick.

A player may lead any card. The other three must follow suit if they can, but if unable to follow suit may play any card.

A trick containing a trump or trumps is won by the hand playing the highest trump. A trick containing no trump is won by the hand playing the highest card of the suit led.

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Points, as given in any standard scoring table, are marked down in a trick score and in a premium score.

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'Mum Society Holds General Meeting

The Kokumoye Kai, the Japanese Chrysanthemum Society, will hold its Tenth Annual General Meeting at the Fairview Gogakko Hall this coming Sunday, March 23, from two in the afternoon.

At 5:30 a party commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of the society will take place at the Fuji Chop Suey, and it is hoped to have speakers from the Jikyo-en Jin Kai, The Canadian Japanese Association, and the Japanese Merchants' Association address the meeting.

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Candlelight and Wine

by Diana

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS!

Dolls—cheap or expensive, beautiful or grotesque, rag dolls or china dolls—all reflect the manners, tastes and sentiments of the native people. Here in Canada the children fondle, play and sleep with their dolls until they reach their adolescence when dolls are put aside as childish toys. The Japanese Canadian children do likewise, preferring their "Shirley Temple" dolls to the kimono-clad dolls of Japan.

But these Japanese girls raised in homes where the cultures of the East and the West merge, are more fortunate than their Occidental friends, for in addition to the simple pleasures derived from "playing house," once a year they can carry on an old, old tradition of old Japan—the "O-hina Matsuri," or the Doll Festival. For on the third of March the girls putting aside their Western toys draw out from their boxes Japanese dolls to set up in full traditional syle.

These dolls are no ordinary playthings. They are ceremonial dolls, in some cases heirlooms handed down from generation to generation, which will be displayed for a few days in the very best room and then boxed and carefully stored away until another third of March rolls around again.

These dolls are a mirror reflecting to the world the true Japanese character with its love of beauty, loyalty, and respect for the past; reflecting for the people of Japan the resplendent costumes and the ceremonial aspects of a day long past but never forgotten. To the Japanese they are symbols, symbols of the family system with its ancestor worship, symbols of true womanhood, and of the deep love of parents for their children. For a mother will often sell her own treasures in order to buy for her daughter a set of these festive dolls. This set the daughter will treasure forever, taking it with her to her new home when she is married, and passing it on to her daughter, or else is in most cases she will keep her own and buy for her daughter a new set.

THE IMPERIAL COURT

On the actual festive day a five or seven-tiered stand draped with red cotton cloth commands the best room. On the tiers are dainty figures, each an exquisite piece of art representing the Emperor's court in miniature. On the topmost tier are the Emperor and Empress robed in their ceremonial best, while below them are the ladies-in-waiting, court musicians, imperial guards and equerries, and other symbolical figures and articles.

Before this striking background the girls play hostess to their friends who have come to admire the display and to hear further stories and lessons from the lips of wise parents. Then, while the brothers look on dying with envy, the girls seated around a special table dine upon special kinds of food among which are the "hishi-mochi," a diamond-shaped rice cake in three layers of red, white, and green, and "shirozake," a thick sweet white wine.

The end of the festival finds the girls enriched with ideals of a womanhood of calm and dignity for these dolls with their lessons of charm and poise have taught them to be content and satisfied at least outwardly with their lot in life.

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"COURTESY"—GONE WITH THE WIND?

I was utterly bewildered when she, a Nisei just like you and me, arose and proclaimed that many Nisei boys were loosing the indomitable spirit of their forefathers, and becoming corrupt in their manners and outlook. She was moved to shame that they, stalwart, hardy men should stoop to a woman—taking for a vivid example a boy who knelt at the feet of a girl to help her with her skates.

This poor girl has never experienced that certain thrill, that inexplicable sense of elation that tingles through your veins when a gentleman goes out of his way to help you. She has never been to a Canadian social function and felt the hurt and humiliation of being ignored by a partner who failed to observe the little courtesies so intimately bound up with Canadian life.

But was this girl expressing the sentiments of the majority, and was I the exception who admired these signs of courtesy in men? Did I have a distorted picture of chivalry, of the inherent politeness for which the Japanese people are famous? Was that politeness skin deep, so narrow that it could not adapt itself to the customs of other lands?

But my faith was restored.

On a street car filled with men, women and children who were returning from the Terminal Dock, many women were without seats. Was it a Nisei who first rose and offered his seat? No! It was an Issei. Born and bred in the traditions of old Japan—of the superiority of man and the unimportance of women, who gave her his seat, thereby setting the example for the other men, both young and old—a thing unheard of in Japan. This man possessed the finer sense of true courtesy that told him to respect the customs of his adopted land.

Courtesy of Columbia Studio.

Fifteen years ago Mrs. Y. Kawano first opened her small dressmaking shop. Since then her skillful craftsmanship and knowledge in the art of dressmaking and tailoring have drawn many Issei and Nisei to learn the art from her. The past year has seen one of the largest classes ever enrolled, as this picture taken on the anniversary occasion indicates.

Sewing School Marks Anniversary

There is a little dressmaking shop on Hastings Street that is hardly noticeable to the casual eye, but through the eager students who have passed through its door, the fame of this little shop has spread among many, many people as the "Yawata-Ya." For in the line of dressmaking and tailoring, its proprietor, Mrs. Kawano, has won a reputation not only among Japanese but among Canadian customers.

With her experience and technical ability, Mrs. Kawano has been teaching both Isseis and Niseis. Students trained at her school have spread far and wide through the city, among the country, even as far as Japan and Korea, taking with them the fruits of their lessons.

At present, there are about twenty-five pupils studying hard under Mrs. Kawano herself who gives careful individual and personal instructions.

There are four main courses, drafting, designing, cutting and sewing. There is a day school from nine in the morning to five in the afternoon and also a night school from seven to nine Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings provided for those who are unable to attend during the day.

Badminton to End-up with Fancy Flourish

To wind up a year filled with successful activities the Japanese Badminton League will hold a bang-up social at the Hastings Auditorium on Friday, March 15.

Highlighting the celebration will be the presentation of the JCCL Challenge Trophy to the Powell YPS—newly crowned league champions. Presented at the same time will be the Steveston JCCL Cup to the winners of the mixed doubles, the Badminton League cup to the men's doubles, and medals donated by Dr. Edward C. Banno to the winning YPS team. Dr. Banno will make the presentations.

All players and friends are invited to attend. Fee, 25c per person.

U.B.C. Invites All To View Wonders Of "Open House"

By Ken Kitamura

Ever since 1933, when the enterprising University Engineers Society inaugurated the "Open House" with the sole purpose of letting the people of Vancouver see for themselves that British Columbia not only had a University, but also that the University was something to be proud of, this annual event has flourished and blossomed into an institution. The University has now completed plans for another Open House on Saturday, March 2, from 1:30-10:00 p.m.

Co-eds of the Japanese Students' Club will be in native costumes for the colorful doll display. Many Nisei would-be engineers, scientists and doctors will contribute their share in the laboratories such as electrical, mechanical, chemical, mining, zoology, physics and so forth.

The University cordially invites you to attend this forthcoming Open House. Bring all your friends and parents! Remember, Saturday, March 2, 1:30-10:00 p.m.

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NISEI NEWS FROM FAR FLUNG CORNERS IN B.C.

Prince Rupert Patter

By Hiroshi Hamasaki

Herring conditions this year are better than for many years past. A thousand tons of herring are being taken daily by the seiners and being processed in the reduction plants at B. C. Packers, Tucks Inlet and Butedale, where a number of Nisei are now employed.

Licences were issued to the Japanese fishermen of this district Feb. 19, and a general discussion was held at the general meeting of the Northern B. C. Residential Fishermen's Association the same day. Many of the fishermen are in Rupert from the Skeena River canneries.

The bus line to and from Seal Cove is now being operated again by the Arrow Bus Line. Many of the Seal Cove people are taking advantage of the facilities, especially the school children attending King Edward Public School.

We are glad to welcome back to the city, Chien Nishikaze, who returned home Feb. 16 on the Princess Adelaide, after a long stay in Vancouver.

Radio reception from Japan has been exceptionally clear these last few weeks.

The entire Japanese community and especially the students of Booth Memorial High was deeply shocked by the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Sutton, who passed away in local General Hospital after a two weeks' illness. Mr. Sutton was the principal of Booth Memorial High School and will be greatly missed by all the students and teachers.

Riverside Ripples

By Chatter & Seer

Red Cross Dance

At a special meeting held recently, the people of this community decided to hold a Whist Drive and Dance and contribute the proceedings to support the Red Cross Society . . . The date—March 15, the place—Hamilton School on the New Westminster Highway in East Richmond.

Kendo Popular

At the request of the Issei in Kennedy the local kendoists accompanied by kendo teachers and a few of the juniors from Steveston visited Kennedy to introduce the sport to the young people there. The Nokai Hall was filled to capacity by an enthusiastic crowd, and the visitors were later honoured at a dinner. The art impressed the boys tremendously and in all probability a kendo club will be organized shortly.

Chatter

A certain localite seemed to enjoy watching the Kennedyites more than the kendoists . . . Next time don't let the girls stop you from eating more than two "nigiri-meshi" . . . "Moustache" . . . And I think you had better hold on to the bathhouse you just built, "Kish," or the big bad "West Wind" may blow it down before

Capital City Chatter

By Ioni Gossipe

Victoria Vagaries

To **Emiko-chan and Sidney** — We wish you both smooth sailing on the sea of Matrimony . . . A surprise visitor from the mainland last week-end was **Eikichi Ishida** and was somebody glad to see him!! . . . 'Tis rumoured that Victoria's **most handsome young man** will be leaving town in the near future. Victoria's lass, Nanaimo's gain? Then there's the case of a **certain young man**, who, having made the meeting on time, was bragging that he'd set a new record in shaving, washing-up, and changing, when he was rudely reminded that his vest didn't match his suit—was his face red!

. . . We wonder if "**Killer**" could tell us if there's any prospects in caddying? Duck, boys, Fore! After seeing **Toshi** lose a heel while playing basketball with the boys at the gym the other night all we can say is "Bring your runners, girls."

"Jack" leans on it.

School Swing

A new swing is being built by the local Japanese for the Sunbury Public School to replace the old one, which was also built by the Sunbury Japanese over 15 years ago.

. . . THE VOICE OF OGOPOGO . . .

By Anthony T. Kobayashi

GREETING ALL! Ogopogo rides again! If I can swim my way out of a desk-load of first-aid reports, income tax forms, bills, radio schematics and catalogues, I'll bring you news of Winfield and Centrefield. Judging by the dry ground and the bright sunshine, baseballs will soon be flying around. Yes, this mild weather reduced the gala glistening ice sheet of the Winfield rink down to sawdust level. But nothing can quell the skatethusiasm of local Nisels who are resorting to mountain ponds.

FIRST ALL-NISEI HOCKEY MATCH . . . Sunday, Feb. 4 saw what is probably the first All-Nisei hockey match in the Okanagan when the visiting Vernon sextette trimmed the Win-Centre home towners, 4-1, at the Duck Lake ice sheet. A return match was played in Vernon, Feb. 18. Due to the mild weather a pond high up in the mountains was used. With the score at 1-all at the end of the second period, this game terminated in a free-for-all. After both games, refreshments were served by the girl frinds of the home teams.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES . . . Several Nisei girls are busy knitting socks and sweaters for the boys "over there" under the auspices of the local Red Cross Unit.

2600TH ANNIVERSARY FEBRUARY 11TH . . . This commemoration took the form of a two-fold ceremony here as this year is also the 20th anniversary of the founding of the local Koyu Kai. Commencing at 11 a.m. the anniversary service was followed by the Koyu Kai ceremony. Former residents who now reside elsewhere were invited for the day. During the afternoon and evening a long program of plays and odoris was presented. In the evening leading Occidental residents of the district were invited to view the Japanese dances in costume.

WIN-CENTRE STUDY GROUP . . . At a re-organization meeting held on Feb. 16, it was decided to disband this Group and all Niseis unite to organize a United Church Young People's Society.

R-R-R-R-Ring! Dash that phone! HELLO!—Yes, Mrs. Smith . . . you say your radio is dead? . . . ten minutes ago, oh yes . . . pardon . . . Oh, you don't want to miss "I love a Mystery" tonight . . . well, I'll do my best . . . yes, I'll be right over. G'bye . . . Click. Well, folks, I've gotta go, so till next, Au Revoir, and "KEEP SMILING."

Beloved Young People's Leaders Honoured By Surrey Community

By Misaye C. Tashima

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY

A radiant February moon shining through a cloudless sky was the perfect setting for a birthday party at the home of Miss Pollie Ujiye Saturday, Feb. 17, in honour of Mrs. W. E. Carbutt.

The party was held by the Surrey Young People and the evening was spent in games with the different games prepared by the hostess.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake centred the tea table, and everyone joined in the chatter and laughter until the evening came to a close at a late hour.

GIRLS' CLUB MEETS

Through the kindness of Mrs. A. Oyeis, the Japanese Girls Club held their regular meeting at her home on Roebuck Road, Feb. 20, at 2:30 p.m. With Mrs. W. E. Carbutt occupying the chair, a short business meeting was held.

The hostess had prepared a lovely afternoon tea, and on this occasion we had the pleasure of honouring Miss Margaret N. Yasui, whose birthday occurred in the early part of the year.

At the tea table Pollie Ujiye, the vice-president, spoke a few words on behalf of the club to the president, Mrs. Carbutt, who is leaving Surrey presently to take up residence in Burnaby. She asked Mrs. Carbutt to take the position of permanent honorary president, and this privi[illegible]

FAREWELL PARTY

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the [illegible] Japanese Hall a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Carbutt, who are leaving Surrey shortly to reside in Burnaby, was held under the [illegible] sponsorship of the Japanese Girls Club, the mothers of the girls, and [illegible]

[illegible] the address of the [illegible] Miss Misaye Tashima. Mrs. [illegible] spoke on behalf of the [illegible] expressing her thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Carbutt for their [illegible] Girls' Club. Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

Following was an address by Mr. [illegible] and [illegible] was the speech by Miss Pollie Ujiye extending the [illegible] thanks of the Girls' Club to Mr. and Mrs. Carbutt for their kind guidance and unfailing interest in the club. A beautiful [illegible] lamp was presented by Miss [illegible]. Mr. and Mrs. Carbutt expressed their deepest thanks to all present.

A [illegible]

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Strawberry Hill

Pioneer Couple Feted On Anniversary

By M. O.

Some thirty people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yabazo Enta, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary, and to join in a farewell party for Mr. Enta who sailed for Japan on the 24th.

Speeches were delivered by delegates from different associations and Mr. Enta replied with a few words of thanks to all.

The table was gaily decorated with pink and blue streamers, centred with a three-tier anniversary cake topped with pink and blue candles. Gay spring flowers overlooked the many delicious refreshments.

Assisting in serving were Mrs. Kanai, Mrs. Ibuki, Mrs. Suzuki, Mrs. Mukai, and Mrs. Enta's three daughters, Mrs. Fujishige of Port Hammond, Jessie and Molly.

The afternoon was enjoyed by all and was brought to a close with everyone giving a "banzai" to the couple.

In the evening Jessie and Molly Enta were charming hostesses to some thirty young Niseis until a late hour.

Mission Miscellany

By Will I. Tellem

Joint Meeting

The Mission Chapter of the JCCL will hold a joint meeting with the executive of the Mission Japanese Farmers' Association and the Young Men's Association Sunday, at the Japanese Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Table Tennis Tourney

A table tennis tournament sponsored by the local Young Men's Association was held last Sunday. Yoshio Konda defeated five players to emerge as the champion, trouncing Hide Yamaguchi in the finals. The Whonnock-Ruskin boys have invited the Mission team for a match this coming Saturday.

Before a large and enthusiastic audience a judo meet was held in Mission last Saturday, with contestants from several centres presenting a thrilling show.

Masao Hattori, the busy man-about-town, is always in [illegible] these days—is it the wedding [illegible] you hear already? The lucky [illegible] is Miss Haruye [illegible] Strawberry Hill. [illegible]

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The Nisei Look At The Election

By Annalist

In ordinary times it is difficult to rouse the interest of the Nisei in the economic or political movements and trends within the country. It is understandable enough, for no matter what they may think, they have no opportunity to exert any influence or control over these movements. Who, then can condemn them for ignoring these things which they cannot see striking directly into their lives?

But these being no longer ordinary times, ordinary attitudes and habits of mind are quickly discarded. War conditions rouse uncertainty, uncertainty stirs fear, fear inspires concern. And so today the Nisei follow with interest the events of the national election campaign now being waged in Canada. It is well that they should, for without question it is the most important campaign of our generation, perhaps even of the generation of "sansei."

The Election Campaign

So far the campaign seems to be a straight fight between the Liberal Party striving to retain their seats in Parliament, and the Conservative Party striving to dislodge them with their battle cry of "National Government." "Effective prosecution of the war" is the first task of the country, and each party is out to convince the public that the other is less capable of carrying out this task.

In this respect Dr. Manion and his cohorts have lined up the Liberals behind the eight-ball and are freely slinging mud at the King Government's record. Never having been in office himself, Dr. Manion has no record to attack, even if he has no record to flaunt. And ordinarily in an election campaign the nastier things you can say about your opponents, the more successfully you will be, even if you haven't very much good to say about yourself.

But up to the present time, even though former Defence Minister Ian Mackenzie's administration was nothing for Vancouver to be proud of, Mr. King seems to have accomplished as much, if not more than anything we might have expected from Dr. Manion and his plan of calling into the government the best minds of the country, since the aforesaid best minds have never been named.

Conscription Issue

One other salient fact has emerged from the campaign to date. That conscription as a national policy is dead as a door nail until after March 26, election date, at least. Both Mr. King and Dr. Manion have come out flatfootedly against the levying of manpower, recognizing that any suspicion of support for the policy would ruin their chances of triumph in the election. Nothing could damage national unity more completely or split the country more sharply along racial lines than conscription. The Act of 1917 was not applied in Quebec without bloodshed and despite the triumph for unity in the recent Quebec election, any future attempt to force the French Canadians to fight overseas will be resisted even more strongly. And a large proportion of the 2,000,000 Canadians, neither French or British, do not understand a divided allegiance between Canada and Great Britain.

To the Nisei it may be a comforting thought that conscription for the present is dead. Yet there are Nisei who feel as Canadians and as Nisei that this is a short-sighted attitude.

No matter how much we may have disliked Canada's entry into the war, the fact remains that we are in it. And being in it there can be no easing out of it. It is a nasty business that has to be carried out as efficiently as possible by the men who are trained for such business. Conscription may prove to be necessary for efficiency. Certainly it seems the fairest policy available of raising man-power.

Claim on Rights of Citizenship

If the Nisei go overseas voluntarily in any large numbers they have a very positive claim upon rights of citizenship, and once a section of the Nisei win those rights it is difficult to see how they can be withheld from the rest. Hence some will benefit from the sacrifice of others, and the only way to secure equality of sacrifice is conscription, fairly and efficiently applied. And even before conscription is applied, there will be many Nisei who will feel impelled to volunteer for service.

And so, while we may have no voice in the government today, there is good and sufficient reason for the Nisei to follow the trend of national events with the closest interest. It is not too much to look forward to the post-war years and to hope that we shall be able to stand on an equal footing with our fellow citizens to meet the economic problems that peace will bring.

JCCL Rally Falls Short As Beavers Avenge Last Defeat

Moving into a fourteen-point lead in the first half the youthful Beavers won a hard-fought match from the slow-starting JCCL quintet, The Citizen Leaguers, with a 24-10 score against them at the end of the first half, really went to town after the breather and outscored their opponents, 20-12, but the final whistle found them still on the short end of a 36-30 count.

Terry Uyede and Stun Shimizu dominated the score column for the winners with 20 and 9 points respectively, while Kichi Kondo and "Sumo" Shimizu were tops for the JCCL with 16 and 8.

Beavers: T. Uyede 20, S. Shimizu 9, G. Uyede 3, H. Ioi 2, Y. Shimizu 1, Ken Kuwabara, P. Hasegawa, T. Kuwabara 1. Total 36.

JCCL: H. Kawasoe 2, K. Kondo 16, M. Okamoto, G. Kuwata, Sumo Shimizu 8, S. Okamoto 2, Sty Ioi, J. Hemmi 2. Total 30.

Valley Shuttlers Crush Steveston Duo To Win "B" Crown

The Men's "B" Doubles of the Open Badminton Tourney produced some of the keenest competition as the scorekeeper checked off match after match that went the three-set limit. Hammond's promise to provide strong entries proved no idle boast as three of the Valley teams gained the semi-final bracket. Their ace duo, Mac Tamura and Toru Kobayashi, gave a sweet exhibition of top-notch shuttle-chasing in gaining an abbreviated but well-deserved title triumph over Masao Oda and Kar Kobayashi from Steveston.

The showing of the Vancouver teams save that of Uyeda-Shimizu and Kinzo Fujioka proved disappointing.

Off court: The two Kobayashi's in the finals put on a brother act only they were on different sides of the net.

SHORT SCORE

Second Round: T. Oki-R. Nakamura bt. T. Oda-T. Shoji 17-14, 17-6; M. Oda-K. Kobayashi bt. T. Uyeda-K. Shimizu 15-9, 15-17, 15-12; M. Tamura-T. Kobayashi bt. K. Fujioka-T. Kawaguchi 15-3, 15-9; G. Yamamoto-G. Omura bt. M. Fujita-G. Saito 15-4, 15-8.

Semis: Oda-Kobayashi bt. Oki-Nakamura 15-1, 6-15, 15-5; Tamura-Kobayashi bt. Yamamoto-Omura 15-5, 15-11.

Finals: Tamura-Kobayashi bt. Oda-Kobayashi 15-18, 15-15, 15-[illegible].

Letter In Blood To Learn To Fly

TOKYO—Officials of the aviation bureau were shocked to receive a letter written in blood and four feet long from a young girl from Nagano Prefecture begging admission to its school of civil aviation. The letter in blood was received among 1340 applications for 250 accommodations the bureau will have available for its two-year training course starting in April.

The girl will gain nothing for her painful gesture, however, as she must take her chances with the 1339 other applicants in an examination to be held in 26 cities on March 2 and 3.

At the All-Canada Judo Tourney:

Kitsilano Mat Men Bag Major Honors

Kido-Kan's Kawano Cops Nemichi Cup

120 judoists, gathered from Chemainus, Maple Ridge, Mission, Steveston, Woodfibre, Vancouver Centre, Fairview and Kitsilano, thrilled hundreds upon hundreds of spectators in a drama-packed event of the week — the Annual Canadian Judo Championship Tournament held at the Japanese Hall last Saturday.

This year Kitsilano's powerful squad took the pennant, symbolic of all-Canada team supremacy held last year by the Vancouver Kido-Kan, downing the challenge of a strong delegation from Maple Ridge, 1-0, in the first round, Chemainus, 6-4, in the semis and Steveston, 6-2, in the finals.

In the Black-Belters' class, Eiki Kawano of Vancouver Centre turned in a brilliant performance to capture the beautiful Nemichi Challenge Cup won by Minoru Hatashita last year. For a while it looked as if Steveston's Hashizume would win out in the finals, but Kawano's skill finally turned the tide.

In the Junior Division that included some 30 Nisei hopefuls, young Yasuo Kamino threw the Kitsilano supporters into ecstasies by taking Yoshio Senta and Kunji Kuramoto into camp in a three-way finals to gain the much coveted junior crown.

Some of the more important results follow in detail:

TEAM COMPETITION

First Round: Chemainus beat Fairview, 8-0; Kitsilano bt. Maple Ridge, 1-0; Steveston bt. Vancouver Centre, 5-4; Mission bt. Woodfibre, 4-0.

Semi-Finals: Steveston bt. Mission, 5-2; Kitsilano bt. Chemainus, 6-4.

Finals: Kitsilano bt. Steveston, 6-2.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Quarter-Finals: Senta bt. Adachi; Ikoma bt. Isoki; Kuramoto bt. Hayashi; Matsumoto bt. Nakatsu; Taniuye bt. Abe; Kamino, bye.

Semis: Kamino bt. Ikoma; Senta bt. Taniuye; Kuramoto bt. Matsumoto.

Finals: Kamino bt. Senta and Kuramoto.

BLACK-BELTERS' CLASS

First Round: Mitani bt. Mori; Nakahara bt. Sato; Nishi bt. Nakata; Hashizume bt. Tamoto; Mitani bt. Kawaguchi; Kawano bt. Hozaki; Hatashita, Tsutsui, bye.

Second Round: Kawano bt. Mitani; Nakahara bt. Nishi; Hatashita bt. Tsutsui; Hashizume bt. Mitani.

Semis: Kawano bt. Nakahara; Hashizume bt. Hatashita.

Finals: Kawano bt. Hashizume.

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Fighting Harry's Knockout Steveston In Cup Chase

Underdog Nomads Ease Out Ernies

Harry Miyazaki should be in a very expansive and frivolous mood this week. It was simply a drive of the desperate that saw his team gradually climb on the valiant Steveston's lead to knot the game in the last quarter, then draw ahead in the overtime in a thrilling 51-46 victory to knock Steveston out of the playoffs.

Actually Harold Asano and Kiide Shimizu deserve the lion's share of acclaim, for it was his duo's sizzling baskets in the last and overtime canto that paid off.

With less than two minutes remaining in the last quarter, Asano and Shimizu went into their hero roles and deuced the total 41-41. In the rough, fast-breaking overtime session Harry's took command and piled up 10 digits to Steveston's five to eliminate the fighting fisherboys from the pennant race.

Shimizu and Asano did an excellent job of point-getting by bagging 20 to 18 points respectively. Fred Nishi and K. Nishi supplied Steveston's scoring punch with 13 and 12. Teruo Nakatsu and Kaz Suga departed from the game via the foul route in the third quarter.

Ernie's Finished

Nomads led by slippery little Sakai Tsukamoto, emerged victorious in the Ernie-Nomad tussle to gain the right to meet Steveston in the semi-finals on Saturday. Rated as underdogs in this series, Joe Akiyama's boys outplayed, outfought and outsmarted the older Ernie's outfit.

Trailing 7-6 in the first quarter, Nomads powerhoused their plays and snagged in 9 points, while Ernie's stood idle without a comeback. From then on the smaller boys kept a commanding lead throughout the game and breezed in an easy 32-24 victory.

Tiny Sakai Tsukamoto, the smallest player in the loop, led the Nomads assault by swishing in 14 points. Kiyoshi Suga, the one-hand artist was high for the ice-cream parlor boys with an even dozen.

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Eiki Kawano suddenly found himself famous overnight as last Saturday he swept to the All-Canada Black-Belt Judo championship, thereby gaining the coveted Nemichi Challenge Trophy. Shown here is the diminutive champion as he received the trophy from S. Sasaki, of the Vancouver Centre Judo Society.

Okumura-Wakabayashi Mens A Titlists

Steveston Upsets To Take Ladies' Crown

Champions every inch! Displaying amazing form, Shige Okumura and Baron Wakabayashi scored a scintillating victory over the defending champions, Mi. Akiyama and Tommy Iwasaki, to regain the most coveted title, the Men's "A" Doubles Championship, in the B. C. Japanese Open Badminton Tournament held last Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Strathcona Gym.

In the Ladies' Doubles, Steveston's dark horses, Sadako Kochi and Miyoko Sogawa, playing a slow-starting game, came from behind to spring a major upset over the highly-touted Lucy Koyanagi-Fumi Deshima pair in the semis and went on to take the championship from the jittery Mary Saegusa-Mary Nishikawara in straight sets.

The finalists in the Men's "A" met with very little difficulty in their preliminary matches. Okumura-Wakabayashi disposed of a game but outclassed Yoshio Matsui and Swede Sawada in the semis, while Akiyama-Iwasaki bested Ernie Arikado-Mas Matsui in straight sets as the latter went to pieces after holding a 14-8 lead in the first set.

In the wind-up battle, Akiyama and Iwasaki were good, but Okumura-Wakabayashi were better, in fact, invincible. Except for the odd slip, the winners just couldn't miss. Exhibiting a baffling change of pace, smashes, drop-shots, finesses, working as one smooth unit and taking advantage of every enemy error, the two gave one of the most beautiful exhibition of badminton seen around these parts.

Quite a number of entries were marked on the official score sheet in the Ladies' Doubles, but as was expected the veteran players ran away from the rest of the field chalking up lopsided wins.

Matsuno-Kawajiri showed unexpected strength forcing Saegusa-Deshima to three sets, but just lacked the winning punch. Koyanagi-Deshima appeared headed for the championship when they took the first set 11-3 and were leading comfortably in the second, but the Stevestonites suddenly found their feet and won going away.

MEN'S "A" DOUBLES

First Round: M. Akiyama-T. Iwasaki bt. H. Arikado-K. Suga 15-11, 15-5; E. Arikado-M. Matsui bt. T. Maikawa-H. Oshino 15-12, 15-7; Y. Matsui-S. Sawada bt. M. Ashikawa-J. Tanaka 10-15, 15-8, 15-10; S. Okumura-Wakabayashi bt. D. Arikado-S. Kumagai 15-0, 15-12.

Semi-Finals: Akiyama-Iwasaki bt. Arikado-Matsui 15-11, 15-7; Okumura-Wakabayashi bt. Matsui-Sawada 15-9, 15-9.

Finals: Okumura-Wakabayashi bt. Akiyama-Iwasaki 15-15, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Second Round: S. Kochi-M. Sogawa bt. S. Iwasaki-[illegible] [illegible] 11-4, 11-[illegible]; L. Koyanagi-F. Deshima bt. A. Hyodo-[illegible] Hyodo 11-3, 11-[illegible]; [illegible] Kawajiri-M. Matsuno bt. M. [illegible]-T. [illegible] 11-[illegible] 11-[illegible]; M. Saegusa-M. Nishikawara bt. [illegible] Miyasaki-N. [illegible] 11-7, 11-4.

Semi-Finals: Kochi-Sogawa bt. Koyanagi-Deshima 3-11, 11-[illegible], 11-[illegible]; Saegusa-Nishikawara bt. Kawajiri-Matsuno 11-7, 7-11, 11-7.

Finals: Kochi-Sogawa bt. Saegusa-Nishikawara 14-17, 11-6.

SPORTS Sukiyaki

BADMINTON BONERS

Well they certainly turned the tables on me again. After prognosticating that the Wakabayashi-Suga duo would batter their way to the top, they took my famous jinx predictions so literally that they wouldn't even team up.

Baron Wakabayashi came through the finals in flying colors by teaming up with Shig Okumura to save the day for me.

Even though I did not comment on the women's doubles I had my fingers crossed on Fumi Deshima and Lucy Koyanagi to pull through, but woe is me, the two mighty mite lassies from Steveston, Sadako Kochi and Miyoko Sogawa, whom I didn't even consider in the running ran away with the title. Well I give up, it's too much for me.

Spring in the Air Means . . .

Come on fellows, you better pull that old bat from under the bed, haul out your dust-covered glove, haunt up your spiked shoes, get last year's torn ball, and hike out to the old ball ground, for baseball season is in the offing. The real balmy spring weather is luring the indoor sport fan-atics to shift their scene of activities from the dusty smoke-filled gyms to the open-air playgrounds.

The official league games will not be scheduled for some time to come yet, but why let that stop you? If the weather man is agreeable with us this week-end, we'll most likely find many early birds warming up next Sunday to take the rusty kinks out of their arms.

At the helm of the Asahi's is again the ever-popular Roy Yamamura, the last of the famous Asahi ball team which made themselves so prominent in the athletic field more than a decade ago.

This year the Japanese Baseball League will find missing an old familiar name from its schedule. The Mikado Club, one of the original clubs in the Sunday loop will not be able to field a team. Since the organization of the league, Mikado's have plugged along in vain effort to gain possession of the coveted challenge trophy, but sad to say the closest they got was the consolation cup in 1938.

Another name missing will be the last year's runner-up to Union Fish, the Hammond nine. Rumors along the sport front says that there will be an entry from Powell Lumber. If they do, the four-team loop will consist of Union Fish, Asahi Giants, Steveston and Powell Lumber.

HASH DEPARTMENT

Climaxing a successful invasion of Seattle, the local tablers returned victorious over the Seattle's number 1 ping-pongers. In the feature match between Seattle's Tanaka and Vancouver's Tanaka, our local boy made good and won two straight. Another city leaguer, Yoichi Yasui, also met with no difficulty in vanquishing smashing Harold Hoshide. Arrangements are being made to have Seattle come to Vancouver for a return match in the near future.

Seattle boasts of Harold Hoshino, the Pendleton slugger who has made his fists felt in the pugilistic arena south of the border, but here in our midst we have an up-and-coming Jimmy McLarnin in the fly-weight division. Tadao Kato who suffered a T.K.O. from Kenny Lindsay, the U.S. amateur flyweight champion, in the recent Sun Golden Glove Tournament, slugged his way to capture the Greater Vancouver fly-weight crown. Now that Kenny Lindsay is turning professional Kato has every chance of capturing the Sun tournament in the 120-pound division.

The funniest thing your sports scribe has seen in a long while—when "David" Eiki Kawano, the stocky little black-belter, grabbed a hold of "Goliath" Eichi Hashizume, a six-footer—a grab, a twist, a yank and bang on the mat! "The bigger they are, the harder they fall," as the saying goes.

FAN DEPARTMENT

Dear Sports Editor:

From your last column it seems as if you carefully prepared yourself a swell hangman's knot having only to jump to commit suicide, but you just didn't jump. Here is what I mean. You mentioned that the officials and yourself selected the most valuable player, highest scorer and cleanest player, and then you forgot or purposely left out the name of such a person.

To choose a cleanest player from the ranks of the players would indeed be a herculean task. Even with the most careful mathematical computation I doubt whether you can pick a cleanest player because there ain't no such person.

Yours truly,

XYZ.

Dear XYZ:—You're right and thanks for your letter. It shows somebody is reading this column.

My cover-up man, Eddie Ide, who so kindly stuck his head in the noose you mentioned, gave Kito Kato the nod as the cleanest player. And that's the way it went in, but for some reason or other it didn't come out.

I'm fully convinced that Fate had a hand in it, for I agree there is no such thing as a "cleanest player." A visiting casaba fan at Wednesday's fracas between Harry's and Steveston would wonder if he were in the wrong building. The game was a mixture of football, basketball and parlor rugby. Since the departure of popular referee [illegible], the boys have reverted to type and gone wild again.

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